

HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
APRIL 25, 2008

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners met with the Boone County Commissioners on Friday, April 25, 2008 at the Indianapolis Executive Airport, 11329 SR 32, Zionsville, Indiana. President Altman called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. with a quorum present of Commissioner Christine Altman, Commissioner Steven C. Dillinger and Commissioner Steven A. Holt. A quorum of the Boone County Commissioners - Mark Applegate, Charles Eaton and Huck Lewis was present.

**146<sup>th</sup> Street West**

Mr. Mike Rowe, United Consulting Engineers gave an overview of Hamilton County's proposed 146<sup>th</sup> Street West widening project. Rowe stated the project will be from Springmill Road to the Hamilton/Boone County line. The intent is for 146<sup>th</sup> Street to have a free flow movement where intersections and access would be at the cross streets only (Springmill Road, Ditch Road, Towne Road, Shelborne Road, and Little Eagle Creek). The project will be two lanes in each direction with roundabouts at the intersections. The roundabouts are two lanes but there will be some variations based on the traffic counts and it will be bounded by frontage roads to give the residents access without impacting their parcels. With this scenario there will only be possibly two or three relocations. On the west side it will shift to the north, using the existing 146<sup>th</sup> Street, coming west through Shelborne it will shift to the south side and then towards the Boone County line it shifts the alignment to match Boone County's Super 2. Rowe stated the intent is to taper into the two lanes leaving the option for Boone County to expand to four lanes in the future. There will be multi-use paths on both sides all contained within limited access right of way. Fencing would be installed throughout the entire corridor with breaks so pedestrians can get through. There would be regular right of way along the frontage roads on both the north and south side. Altman stated the traffic studies showed the level of service increases significantly when using roundabouts. Rowe stated the Towne Road intersection includes a slip ramp to facilitate movement for a northbound to eastbound right turn. The remainder of the intersections do not require the slip ramp. Applegate asked how much of the traffic will continue to flow to Michigan Road? Applegate stated his concern is if there is a free flow coming to Michigan Road on our Super 2 it will create major congestion by taking four lanes down to two lanes. Rowe stated he would have to look up that number. Mr. Tom Kouns stated Boone County's Super 2 project will go to bid the Fall of 2008 and we are hoping when Hamilton County comes with the four lanes that they will continue the addition of four lanes in Boone County to Michigan Road. Altman stated currently we have the funding for engineering; we have commitment from the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) for funding of the first segment. We will continue to ask for funding and send a delegation to Washington D.C. for earmarks to build out this project. Mr. Brad Davis stated it is in the 2012 plan for release (available federal funding). Kouns stated when Hamilton County is ready to start the last phase it would be a good time to discuss a joint federal aid project to get it to Michigan Road. Dillinger stated what would make this project successful in Washington is a joint effort by Boone and Hamilton County with a well laid out plan. Washington would be interested in this project for the connection from I-65 to I-69. Holt asked where is Boone County on preliminary design to get to I-65? Lewis stated Boone County has funding from the county line to 421, from that point we will go to Duke's property at the edge of Anson and then east to CR 650. We have signed an interlocal with Whitestown that if we get any funding it will be for this project. This is the most expensive piece of the project at a estimated cost of \$38 million. Kouns stated the environmental study has begun from Michigan Road to south of Whitestown. Altman asked how does that extension to I-65 rate in Boone County's priorities in regards to MPO requests? Lewis stated it will depend on what happens with the Ronald Regan Parkway project. Boone County is submitting an FA-3 for the section between the Duke Property over to CR 650 and potentially getting earmark money also.

**SR 32**

Holt asked if there is any merit of having a joint approach to INDOT for SR 32? Lewis stated INDOT always pushes SR 32 to the back, it is not a priority. Dillinger stated they do the same in Hamilton County. Mr. Jim Neal stated INDOT has let a project for SR 32 from US 31 to Springmill Road. It will be four lanes with a median. Holt suggested discussing looking at Springmill Road to Lebanon before everything develops to avoid gridlock. Altman stated she believes the legislation has passed to allow an overlay of this project and if development goes through they can pre-purchase right of way. Holt asked if Boone County would be supportive of four lanes on SR 32? Lewis stated yes. Kouns stated Boone County's overall plan is where 146<sup>th</sup> jogs down and bypasses Whitestown and the Ronald Regan Parkway will all meet at I-65 at the same interchange. 400 East will connect to the same interchange. Lewis stated Boone County is pushing for a change in the interchange with the addition of the third lane on I-65.

**96<sup>th</sup> Street**

Davis stated the current project for 96<sup>th</sup> Street in Hamilton County is in design, with a interlocal agreement with Marion County to purchase right of way approved. The project will go from east of Michigan Road to Shelborne Road, it will be a four lane with two roundabouts at Commerce Drive and Shelborne Road. The projected construction date is 2009. Holt stated Hamilton County's TIF goes to the county line and if Boone County would want to discuss 96<sup>th</sup> Street west of Michigan Road, Hamilton County would be willing to discuss it. If it is not a high priority it does not make sense for Hamilton County to do anything west of Michigan Road. Applegate stated that is in Zionsville's jurisdiction.

**SR 47 or 236<sup>th</sup> Street**

Holt stated SR 47 or 236<sup>th</sup> Street in Sheridan is the county's northern thoroughfare. Everything east of US 31 is in Hamilton County's Thoroughfare Plan is a Super 2 with right of way to four lanes.

**106<sup>th</sup> Street**

Davis asked what is the plan on 106<sup>th</sup> Street in Boone County? Kouns stated that is Zionsville's project. The project is to go to bid in 2008.

Altman stated if developments come through Boone County and Hamilton County the Commissioners need to keep talking to discuss exactions, etc.

**Weights and Measures**

Holt asked where is Boone County on Weights and Measures? Lewis stated he is meeting with the State this afternoon on Weights and Measures.

**Indianapolis Executive Airport**

Holt asked if there are any Indianapolis Executive Airport issues? Lewis stated not currently.

**Annual Joint Meeting**

Dillinger stated he would like to have an annual joint meeting with Boone County. The Boone County Commissioners agreed.

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Holt motioned to adjourn. Dillinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Present**  
Christine Altman, Hamilton County Commissioner  
Steven C. Dillinger, Hamilton County Commissioner  
Steven A. Holt, Hamilton County Commissioner  
Marc Applegate, Boone County Commissioner  
Charles Eaton, Boone County Commissioner  
Huck Lewis, Boone County Commissioner  
Fred Swift, Administrative Assistant to Hamilton County Commissioners  
Brad Davis, Hamilton County Highway Director  
Jim Neal, Hamilton County Highway Engineer  
Tom Kouns, Boone County Highway  
Dave Richter, United Consulting  
Mike Rowe, United Consulting  
Brian Craig, United Consulting  
Joel Thurman, Hamilton County Highway Staff Engineer  
Kim Rauch, Administrative Assistant to Hamilton County Auditor

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Robin M. Mills, Auditor